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By Ms. Grant of Beverly, petition of Mary E. Grant and others  
relative to the North Shore rail link. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Mary E. Grant	Michael S. Dukakis
Anne M. Paulsen	ARC International,
Steven A. Tolman	by Mang.
Barbara A. L'Italien	Director Richard Arena
Frank I. Smizik	Walter F. Timilty
Colleen M. Garry	Jack Hart
Joyce A. Spiliotis	Mass Laborer's Dist.
John D. Keenan	Council, by Paul J. McNally
Douglas W. Petersen	Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Alice K. Wolf	Jennifer M. Callahan
John W. Scibak	Mass Chapter Sierra Club,
Byron Rushing	by Chair Mary Ann Nelson
Robert A. DeLeo	National Corridors Initiative,
Patricia D. Jehlen	by V.P. John A. Businger
Tunnelworkers Union	National Corridors Initiative,
Local #88,	by Pres. James RePass
by Ken MacLean	Martin J. Walsh
Thomas P. Kennedy	Kathleen M. Teahan
Michael E. Festa	

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NORTH SOUTH RAIL LINK.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 161 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 adding the following sentence:—

4 To carry out the purposes of this section, the commonwealth  
5 shall preserve intact the right of way for the proposed North South  
6 Rail Link. Preservation of the right of way for the North South  
7 Rail Link will assure that in future years the transportation system  
8 may be enhanced or expanded in our region.

1 SECTION 2. The department of highways and the Massachu-  
2 setts Turnpike Authority in consultation with the city of Boston  
3 shall perform a study to specifically identify and map the neces-  
4 sary right of way to allow for the construction of the proposed  
5 North South Rail Link connecting North Station to South Station  
6 at some future time. A plan to preserve said right of way, once  
7 identified, shall be determined and implemented immediately.